

**Monday, March 5, 2018**

**Final Sacrifice – [Genesis 22:1-19](#)**

*And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.*

Genesis 22:8

As we study the passage for today, we read one of the greatest examples of faith and obedience in all the Bible. Here, a loving father leads his long-promised son up the mountain to offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham's obedience reveals his great trust that the holy and righteous God would, somehow, return his son to him. He did not know the plan, but he knew he could trust God.

This story is also a foreshadowing of the love of another Father who would send His Son to be the sacrifice for the sins of the world. The long-promised Son would be led up Calvary's mount to be offered as a sacrifice. And Jesus knew that His holy and righteous Father would raise Him from the grave, conquering sin and death.

Abraham revealed his trust in God when he assured Isaac that the sacrifice was for the Lord and that the Lord would provide the lamb. Isaac, too, trusted his father for he continued with him up the mountain. Together, they climbed the mountain believing that God would provide what was needed.

And, He did.

God provided what was needed for Abraham and Isaac and He provided what was needed for you and me. The perfect sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins could only be provided by God Himself and God's great love compelled Him to send Jesus as that sacrifice.

Have you trusted Jesus as the perfect sacrifice for your sins? There is no other offering that will suffice. There is no other sacrifice that will cover your sin. There is no other name for you to trust. Today, turn from your sin and your own efforts and trust in the holy and righteous gift of God: Jesus.